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H. R. 2919

To allow postal patrons to contribute to funding of veterans programs and services offered by the Military Order of the Purple Heart of the United States of America, Incorporated, through the issuance of a semipostal.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 20, 2001

Mr. TRAFICANT introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform, and in addition to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Purple Heart Stamp
5 Act of 2001”.

1 **SEC. 2. SEMIPOSTAL TO BE ISSUED TO BENEFIT THE MILI-**
2 **TARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART OF THE**
3 **UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INCOR-**
4 **PORATED.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—In order to afford the public a
6 convenient way to contribute to funding for the veterans
7 programs and services offered by the Military Order of
8 the Purple Heart of the United States of America, Incor-
9 porated (hereinafter in this Act referred to as the
10 “MOPH”), the United States Postal Service shall issue
11 a semipostal in accordance with subsection (b).

12 (b) REQUIREMENTS.—The provisions of section 416
13 of title 39, United States Code, shall apply with respect
14 to the semipostal required under this Act, subject to the
15 following:

16 (1) ALLOCATION.—All amounts becoming avail-
17 able from the sale of the semipostal shall be trans-
18 ferred to the MOPH under such arrangements as
19 the Postal Service shall by mutual agreement with
20 the MOPH establish.

21 (2) FREQUENCY AND DISTRIBUTION.—Under
22 those arrangements—

23 (A) the appropriate amounts shall be
24 transferred to the MOPH no less frequently
25 than 3 times a year; and

1 (B) of the amounts so transferred to the
2 MOPH, the MOPH shall designate the percent-
3 age to be distributed to local chapters.

4 (3) COMMENCEMENT AND TERMINATION
5 DATES.—Stamps under this section shall be
6 issued—

7 (A) beginning no later than 12 months
8 after the date of enactment of this Act; and

9 (B) for a period of not less than 2 years
10 in duration.

11 (c) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this Act, the term
12 “semipostal” has the meaning given such term by section
13 416(a) of title 39, United States Code.

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